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MAKING IT RIGHT

Atterbury staffers ensure Marine's grave gets proper marker

By JILL SWANK

CRIER STAFF WRITER

son and husband, a man who served his country, an unmarked grave, gone but not to be forgotten — this was the case for Pvt. Clair Buckley.

Thanks to staff at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, the burial marker of a veteran of both world wars has been returned to its proper place, after being found alongside the shoulder of State Road 40 by an Indiana Guardsman.

Buckley died without children to carry on his memory, but now his life is remembered by those involved in restoring his burial marker to Riverside Cemetery in Losantville, Ind.

Approximately a year ago, a Soldier on his way to annual training stopped on State Road 40 to pick up a piece of bent metal. What seemed like trash was actually a grave marker with the name Clair Buckley

According to Directorate of Emergency Services, Emergency Management Coordinator Tim Barger, the Soldier told him he brought it in to the Joint Operations Center because he thought they would do the right thing and find its home.

The marker was bent at about a 90 degree angle in the center, Barger said. He said he called Chief Myles Clayburn, who was working at the maintenance shop at the time, to see if his people could repair the damaged marker.

"I passed it off to Sgt. Dale Yockey, a

welder. Yockey said he was going to determine what type of metal the marker was made of and then rearrange the molecules to straighten it out without breaking it in the center," Clayburn said.

"After finding out that it was made of copper, he baked it in the oven at max temperature all day. Each day, for a few days, he would take it out of the oven after about eight hours and straighten it out just a little bit," Clayburn said.

Seeing that the grave marker had been repaired and polished, Barger started doing research to find out more about Buckley so he could return the marker to its home.

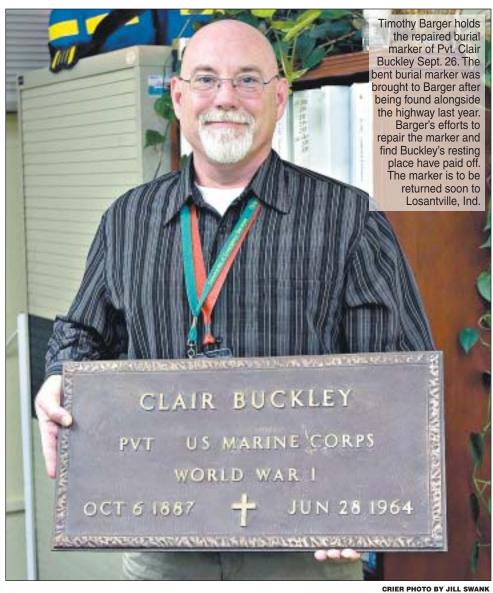
Barger said he received help locating details about Buckley from Staff Sgt. Aaron Cooper, Joint Operations Center, noncommissioned officer in charge.

"Staff Sgt. Cooper joined Geneology.com so we could get more information about Buckley. Through research, we found out that Mr. Buckley was a veteran of World War I and World War II, as a Marine. He was married to Hazel Grey and lived in Hagerstown, Ind. when he passed away in 1964. We got plenty of information, such as his draft card," Barger said.

But the information online did not include where Buckley had been buried.

"I checked Ancestry.com, too, for information, but it didn't give us much more than what we had already found out. I thought it was interesting that someone had brought in the burial marker, so I decided

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Last few months brought great accomplishments

The fall season is upon us. As the leaves turn, so do the winds of change. This change brings growing missions here that continue to increase our work and troop loads.

It is appropriate, however, to also reflect on the last few months' accomplishments, specifically, and for the better part of three months straight, the Atterbury-Muscatatuck Teams seamlessly provided excellent support to the units and agencies training here, including the various annual training activities, the U.S. Army North's Vibrant Response exercise involving over 7,000 military and civilian participants and our first-ever international-level exercise, Bold Quest, involving 13 NATO countries with nearly 1,000 coalition forces and hundreds of pieces of military equipment and aircraft.

A sincere congratulations goes out to everyone for making all of these events a hugh success for the participants and especially for us here. Your work is superb!

One of our newest increased assignments is the Individual Replacement Deployment Operations. An executive order recently turned the mission of deploying and redeploying civilian workers from various contractor or federal agencies over to the Camp Atterbury-Muscatatuck team with a mission to provide oversight on personnel processing and readiness of each individual.

This is one tall order that continues to evolve. The mission capacity has increased nearly ten-fold, as shown by the number of civilians processing through the Regional Training Institute, as well as the growing visibility throughout post. We are very fortunate for this new and increased responsibility, and in standard Camp Atterbury-Muscatatuck fashion, we will continue to provide the best possible customer service to this group of civilians making great sacrifices for our country as they embark on missions overseas.

I want to also take this opportunity to welcome the



Col. Todd Townsend

Commander's Message

next rotation of Kosovo Forces, the impending Provincial Reconstruction Teams and the various units mobilizing or demobilizing here. These enduring missions are a significant part of the overall Soldier support that we here at Camp Atterbury-Muscatatuck have always and will continue to embrace. We take great pride in the role we have had throughout our many years here as a First U.S. Army persistent mobilization station. As these missions continue, so will our willingness to support the needs of the Soldier. You, too, are the greatest this country

Lastly, I ask that as we move into the fall and winter seasons that each of you take every precaution to keep healthy and safe. It is no secret that the weather here in Indiana is always unpredictable. Soldiers assigned to the post are required to receive a flu vaccination and I encourage others to do the same.

has to offer and we thank you for your sacrifices.

With the change in weather also comes the change in hazardous conditions. Always plan for cold or rainy weather, which increases the risk factors in your everyday activity. Keep items in your vehicles that will keep you safe and warm in the event of an unfortunate accident or breakdown.

Safety is paramount!

As we move into the holiday season and our next iteration of mobilization and training activities, let's make every effort to keep with the Camp Atterbury-Muscatatuck tradition and continue to provide the best support to our customers. And as always, thank you for what you do here!

The Rock!

Col. Todd Townsend is the post commander at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center.

Walmart donates \$5,000 to Indiana Guard Relief Fund



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Greg Carter, third from left, a truck driver for Walmart, presents a check for from the Walmart Distribution Center in Seymour to Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, Adjutant General for the Indiana National Guard, as Col. Todd Townsend, Camp Atterbury post commander, left, and Bob Tabeling, warehouse general manager, look on Oct. 17. The money was donated to the Indiana National Guard Relief Fund to help National Guard members.



KFOR 15 trains at Atterbury

By Staff Sgt. Matt Scotten everyone has learned how to work CRIER STAFF WRITER

pc. Michelle J. Weissinger squints her eyes as her face is pelted with wind and cold rain. The weather is typical of Indiana in late fall and early winter, but more than that, it is typical of where she is training to deploy to: Kosovo. Right down to the hilly and wooded terrain, this piece of Midwest America is reminiscent of Eastern Europe.

She is just one Soldier at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center training to deploy with Multinational Battle Group East Kosovo Force 15 this month.

Kosovo Force 15 is comprised of National Guard and Reserve Soldiers from Wisconsin, Mississippi, Georgia, Nebraska, Vermont, North Dakota, New Jersey, Wyoming, Massachusetts and Puerto Rico. Like most of the Soldiers of Kosovo Force 15, Weissinger is from the 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Wisconsin National Guard. The 157th MEB is tasked on this deployment with not only acting as the headquarters for National Guard Soldiers assigned to them, but forces from six other countries.

"It's a three-pronged mission," said Col. Jeffrey J. Liethen, Onalaska, Wis. native and KFOR 15 commander. "We monitor the pulse of the populace, so to speak, keeping track of the feelings and opinions of the people. We also act as third responders to demonstrations and riots and maintain freedom of movement for other KFOR forces."

According to Sgt. Angie J. Gross, a Bismarck, N.D. native and human resources specialist with the aviation element of KFOR 15, one of the biggest benefits of coming to train together at Camp Atterbury is that as one team.

"When we all first got here, everyone had their own little cliques. We are all from different places and even different states altogether. Now, you see the entire KFOR coming together," Gross said. "You see little things, like how many people sit together at chow time. We are really all coming together."

Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center is the only mobilization site in the United States for American forces training for missions in Kosovo. Besides the installation's historical expertise as a worldclass training site, the weather and the terrain are all very similar to what Soldiers will encounter in

"The support we have received here from the installation cadre has been excellent," Liethen said. "I would encourage other units to train here."

KFOR 15 will continue to train at Atterbury until it is ready to leave for Kosovo. Weissinger says, however, that she feels she is ready to go today.

"Our Soldiers have been trained on crowd and riot control, reacting to improvised explosive devices and unexploded ordinance, and law and order." Liethen said. "Our aviation task force has been practicing troop movements and sling loads, and the aviation and medical facilities here at Atterbury closely resemble what we will have in Kosovo."

Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center has been a premiere training facility since World War II. Now, Multinational Battle Group East Kosovo Force 15 adds itself to the long list of units that have deployed from Atterbury before they serve on stabilization missions in Kosovo.





Above: Maj. Greg Grabow and Sgt. Scott Brewer, both with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Wisconsin National Guard, unload concertina wire from the back of a truck to use for making a traffic control point Oct. 17 during deployment training at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center. The unit is preparing to deploy with Multinational Battle Group East Kosovo Force 15. Left: Master Sgt. Michael Sallinen, a Sturgeon Bay, Wis. native from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 157th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Wisconsin National Guard, uses a telescopic mirror to inspect the undercarriage of a vehicle at a traffic control point.

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MUTC goes to the dogs for international police group

By Staff Sgt. Brad Staggs CRIER STAFF WRITER

uscatatuck Urban Training Complex has hosted many events in the past, from homeland emergency response exercises to filming for the Discovery Channel, but now MUTC has gone to the dogs ... quite literally.

The International Police Work Dog Association is holding its yearly workshop and training session at MUTC. According to Sgt. Tracy Campbell of the Fayetteville, N.C., Police Department, dog teams have come to Indiana from as far away as California and Canada to take part in the training.

"We have dog teams that are Search and Rescue, explosives dogs, patrol dogs, narcotic detection dogs and law enforcement dogs," said Campbell, who is also a master trainer and vice president of the IPWDA. "There are currently 80-some dog teams here this week. We have a wide variety of dog teams for different disciplines. We even have a team from Korea who are interested in the standards and how we train the dogs."

Patrolman Brendan Zeimet traveled from Maquoketa, Iowa, with his dog, Ricky, to participate in the training. During Tactical SWAT Training with K-9s, Zeimet and Ricky were tested on not only the dog's ability to root out the bad guy, but on also the handler's ability to control the dog. Ricky passed with flying colors, finding the perpetrator and coming back to Zeimet when called.

Trainer Richard Prince, a patrolman and dog handler with the Grand Rapids, Mich., Police Department, made sure that Zeimet knew that he was not there to tell Maquoketa how to run its department.

"You ran the course according to your department's SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures), and that was great," Prince told Zeimet following Ricky's run through the search house. "Your dog did exactly what he was supposed to, but just as importantly, so did you. Great

The training for this national

event included every kind of situation that police dog handlers and their K-9s might find themselves in. Several buildings were used to represent a simulated robbery or a domestic dispute, while rubble buildings were used for search and recovery training. It was made very clear that the training was just as much for the dog handler as for the dogs themselves.

During patrol dog training, officers would don a bite suit, allowing the dogs to attack them as they would a perpetrator they were chasing. Some dogs were specialty patrol dogs, trained to sniff out drugs or explosives. Other dogs, considered search and recovery dogs, are trained to sniff out people and in many cases, to save their lives.

"Our SAR (search and recovery) dogs help find people who are lost in the woods or mountains," Campbell explained. "They can also find and help lead Alzheimer's patients back to where they should be."

The search and recovery dogs not only track on land, but also on the water. Brush Creek Reservoir, located on Muscatatuck, provided the water setting for dogs specially trained to sniff out victims who are underwater.

Janelle Hideg of Columbus. Ohio, works with the Midwest Canine Search Unit and her dog, Tavish, is trained for water search. Just like every other search dog, Tavish must be certified by the IPWDA, proving that he and Hideg know what they are doing.

As the boat left the small dock, Tavish immediately ran to the bow and took his position, knowing what his job was. Only one piece of a cadaver had been placed in the water and Tavish would have to find it and then

signal Hideg to the position. Hideg's job was to know her dog well enough to be able to read the signals that Tavish was giving her.

As the boat passed over the spot where the scent was placed, Tavish ran from bow to stern. Hideg had the boat captain turn back to the spot Tavish had picked up the smell of a cadaver piece several feet under the water's surface. Hideg then dropped a small buoy, which was the signal to the testers that this was the spot. For this test, the buoy had to be dropped within 20 feet of the scent for a passing grade. Hideg had dropped the buoy directly on top of the spot, proving that Tavish could pick up the scent and she could read the signals from her dog.

"He and I have been doing this a long time," Hideg said. "I had no doubt he knew what he smelled, I just have to trust him and know when he's trying to tell me something."

For the Indiana State Police, this was the first time hosting the Nationals through the IPWDA. Sgt. Tony Knox, the Indiana State Trooper responsible for bringing the training to Muscatatuck, said that everybody went away feeling like they wanted to come back.

"Everybody wants the Nationals to be held here again next year." Knox said. "I have heard no complaints, and the customer service we received from Muscatatuck is second to none."

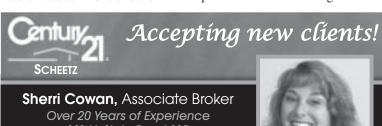
Campbell agreed. "In my years, and I've been in the K-9 program since 1993, this is the nicest facility we have ever been to," he said. "I've been all over the United States and overseas and have never been to a more userfriendly facility that had everything we needed in one place. You will see us again."





Above: Indiana State Police Patrolman and Dog Handler Kendrick Donald holds his K-9 Murtaugh, during a tactical SWAT training with K-9 exercise during a national training event sponsored by the Indiana State Police through the International Police Work Dog Association at Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex Oct. 12. At left: Indiana State Police Patrolman and Dog Handler Ed Hegbli wears a K-9 training bite suit in his role as police dog Camo attempts to stop him.

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s winter approaches, many Americans are getting into the season with apple cider, eggnog, hot cocoa, and livevirus influenza vaccinations. While a flu shot may not seem as comforting as hot cocoa, it is better than catching the flu.

Camp Atterbury is preparing for flu season, which typically lasts from late November until March, by providing vaccinations to Soldiers across the post.

"Getting vaccinated is one of the most important things you can do to help keep from catching most strains of influenza," said Maj. Roger Barillas, a West Liberty, Iowa, native and intermediate care manager at the Camp Atterbury Troop Medical Clinic. He recommends getting the vaccination as soon as possible before flu season hits.

"It typically takes up to two weeks for the vaccination to be effective," Barillas said. "And although some people report mild fevers and flu-like symptoms, studies show you cannot catch the flu from a flu shot."

Barillas said many people mistake symptoms such as these for the flu, but cautions them to make no mistake. "The flu is devastating," he said.

Barillas' stance on flu vaccinations is backed up by



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Timothy Marks, a Santa Fe, N.M. native and medic at the Soldier Readiness Center at Camp Atterbury, holds up a dose of nasal mist used to vaccinate Soldiers for influenza.

information available on www.flu. gov, where it is reported that an average of 23,600 deaths are attributed to the virus each year, and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu-related complications annually.

If a case of influenza is caught early enough (within the first 24 hours), then there are treatments available, but it is rare that people who catch the flu know it is actually the flu early on.

"Most people don't know they have the flu when it first hits," Barillas said. "Many think it's just a common cold in the beginning."

According to Staff Sgt. Florentine Warren, a Chicago native and immunizations noncommissioned officer in charge at Camp Atterbury's Soldier Readiness Center, this is why vaccinations are recommended.

"We have two types of vaccinations available: a shot and a nasal mist. For most people, it is recommended to get the nasal mist, which is an actual live-virus injection derived from chicken protein. For people over the age of 50, and those allergic to chicken

or eggs, the shot is a comparable alternative," she said.

Warren said that with all the people who come through Atterbury to train, Soldiers come into contact with all sorts of germs in their daily activities, such as touching door handles, walking by people as they sneeze or using telephones.

According to Barillas, there are measures Soldiers can take to protect themselves, in addition to getting vaccinated.

"Washing your hands regularly is huge," Barilla said. "Also, it is important to avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and cover your mouth and nose whenever you sneeze or cough and immediately throw away the tissue."

Influenza symptoms include sneezing, coughing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, headaches, body aches, chills and fatigue.

According to Barillas, if a Soldier does catch the flu, it is extremely important to minimize the chance of it spreading.

"If you catch the flu, the very best thing you can do is stay home and avoid contact with other people, especially very young children and the elderly," Barillas said. "See your medical care provider and do everything you can to keep from infecting others."

According to the Center for Disease Control, it is recommended that if a person catches the flu to stay at home until at least 24 hours after the fever goes below 100 degrees Fahrenheit without the aid of fever-reducers such as acetaminophen.

No one really knows how bad the flu season will be this year. According to www.Flu.gov, "Flu seasons are unpredictable in a number of ways. Although epidemics happen every year, the timing, severity and length of the epidemic depends on many factors."

With proper vaccination and hygiene, everyone can do their part to make this year's flu season as mild as possible.

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Radio Muscatatuck to add training, realism to MUTC

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Pyt. Vincent Lewis, a 21-year-old student at the Patriot Academy from Glen Burnie Park, Md., takes a deep breath and starts reading the news out loud. Halfway through, he stumbles over the name "Al-Awlawki" and stops, staring at the name as if it will change in front of his eyes. After a few more tries, he gets it right and moves on to other stories.

Lewis is practicing for the upcoming debut of Radio Muscatatuck, an Internet radio station to be found at www. radiomute.com that will broadcast news, sports, weather, music and training from Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex.

"I have been listening to the radio my whole life," said Lewis, who graduates from the Patriot Academy Nov. 4. "When I was given the chance to work in an actual station, I jumped at it."

Radio Muscatatuck was created to enhance the role of MUTC, according to Facility Commander Lt. Col. Dale Lyles.

"Muscatatuck can represent a city anywhere in the world," Lyles explained. "We must be able to give the look and feel of a city environment that has been struck by a calamity, manmade or natural."

Part of that overall feel is the information environment that exists in any city around the world. The first step in creating that information environment is to create an operating radio station and media outlet.

The purpose of the radio station is threefold: to assist in training personnel how to talk to the media in the United States and overseas; to keep the local public informed of what is happening at MUTC; and to



CRIER PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. BRAD STAGGS

Pvt. Vincent Lewis, 21, a member of the National Guard Patriot Academy from Glen Burnie Park, Md., practices his radio show at the Radio Muscatatuck studio located at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex in Butlerville, Ind. Oct. 6. Radio Muscatatuck is available at www.radiomutc.com.

entertain and educate the listeners. To that end, the station will operate just like any radio station someone would hear over the open airwaves, with one exception:

"When there is a training event that will be broadcast over Radio Muscatatuck, the public will hear a warning," said MUTC Executive Officer Steve Satterlee. "This will let the public know that what they are hearing is only an exercise and not to be taken as an actual event."

Satterlee went on to explain that if the exercise is a long one that will take up most of the broadcast day, an exercise message will be played every five minutes.

"It's an opportunity to train on real-world equipment in a realistic environment that is hard to find anyplace else," Lyles said. "When people train at Muscatatuck, whether they are military, civilian, emergency responders or troops going overseas, they expect realism, and the radio station is one more way we give it to

While the station is designed to assist trainees in realizing that the media is an actual environment with which they must engage positively during their training, the training doesn't stop there. Students from the National Guard's Patriot Academy, located on the Muscatatuck facility, as well as students from Indiana University, will be working and training at the radio station.

The commandant of the Patriot Academy, Lt. Col. William Freeman, looks at the radio station as an opportunity for his students.

"I am thrilled to be able to offer this to the students who excel," Freeman said. "This will give these students yet another job skill to take back home with them after they graduate and maybe start a whole new civilian career path for them."

Lewis agrees. Coming to the Patriot Academy, he was a high-school drop-out who wanted to join the National Guard. He will received his Indiana high school diploma Nov. 4 and have several college credit hours under his belt before heading to his next phase of military service. Radio Muscatatuck has given him a new career choice when he gets back to Maryland.

"This has been the experience of a lifetime," Lewis said. "I want to work at a radio station when I get home because of the training I got here. I would recommend it to anybody."

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MUTC opens door to local residents





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Above: Priscilla Huff, Scipio, a native and volunteer for the Muscatatuck Open House, shows visitors an antique feeding machine during the Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex Open House Oct. 1. The machine was used to help patients at the former Muscatatuck hospital be more independent and feed themselves. Visitors from the area turned out for the open house to check out the facilities, military displays, activities for children and free food. Above right: Keegan Shaffer, 11, North Vernon, checks out the view from a Armored Security Vehicle. Right: Deeta Roy, North Vernon, gets an up-close-and-personal visit with "Sahara"



♦Marker

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to help out where I could," Cooper said.

This research led Barger to contact the United States
Department of Veterans Affairs division in Indianapolis to find details about where Buckley is buried.

"When Veterans Affairs replied, they said that they didn't have any records for him and advised us via email to destroy the burial marker if we didn't find a place to put it," Barger said.

Barger then tried to contact relatives who were listed on the genealogy website.

"I went to the genealogy website to find out the people that were listed as his relatives. He had no living children that we could contact, but there were some other relatives. They were too young and didn't remember him or where he was buried," Barger said.

Hitting another dead end, Barger tried to contact cemeteries and funeral homes near Hagerstown, Buckley's last known residence.

"We got a hold of a lot of cemeteries and funeral homes in the area, asking them if there were any reports of vandalism or theft. No one had reported anything. We also checked with police departments and there was nothing. We were surprised since it was mowing season and no one had noticed a missing grave marker," Barger said.

Barger's last attempt was to contact someone from the Wayne County Genealogical Society, where Hagerstown is located. He received a response from a former Marine, Delola Dees, who is now the librarian for the society.

"Pvt. Clair Buckley was buried at Riverside Cemetery in Losantville, Randolph County, Ind. From my understanding this is a well-kept cemetery. Pvt. Buckley's services were at Howard and Son Funeral Home in Hagerstown," Dees said.

Barger was able to find Buckley's exact burial plot, and finally, after a year of hitting dead ends, the mystery is solved and Buckley's burial marker will soon be returned to its proper place.

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An Agribusiness Development Team composed of National Guard Soldiers with backgrounds and expertise in various sectors of the agribusiness field was formed to provide training and advice to Afghan universities, provincial ministries and local farmers

According to Maj. Gen. Tim Kadavy, deputy director of the National Guard, the point of the seminar is to brainstorm better ways to get the mission accomplished.

It is an atypical mission, with an atypical force structure. The question becomes: "How do you undertake this mission and not reinvent the wheel every time a new team arrives in country?"

"What's going on here is the sharing of ideas," Kadavy said. "This is an ad hoc structure. The Army doesn't have agribusiness development teams. There isn't a manual, there isn't a doctrine out there, and there is not a military occupational specialty providing school that builds that institutional knowledge in the U.S. Army. So, as we built this capability utilizing both our military skills and civilian skills, we have to take time out every now and then to get all the lessons learned, so we can build a more professional, more capable agri-development team."

The National Guard received this mission because of the dual nature of National Guard Soldiers. The average National Guard Soldier is a little older than his or her active component counterpart, and has the experience of civilian job skills that don't exist in the Army, said Martin Leppert, a retired colonel and Afghanistan subject matter expert with the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies who also formulated the ADT structure in 2007.

"Who better to bring those skills and talents than a Guardsman?" Leppert said. "It's



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Jim Moseley, a farmer and former deputy secretary of agriculture, gives Soldiers and Airmen from the 3-19th Indiana Agribusiness Development Team a tour of his hydroponics farm Sept. 3, 2010, as part of their mobilization training at Camp Atterbury. The meeting was designed to give the servicemembers a better understanding of Afghanistan before their scheduled deployment to Afghanistan in early fall this year.

awesome; we have so much talent in Guard because of the civilian skills and maturity. The active component has a lot of advantages; it's their full-time job (being a Soldier), but our advantage is it's not (our full-time job). We bring two jobs to the fight: skills of the Soldier and skills of agribusiness. It's something that no one else can do, except the Army Reserve, and they're not doing it."

During the conference, attendees heard presentations from past ADT members, government agencies and other subject matter experts, said Gary Supnick, development support division chief at U.S. Central Command, which oversees the Afghanistan theater.

"The purpose of the seminar is to bring commanders and their staff that are getting ready to deploy together so they can hear from leadership, Central Command, contemporaries, U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Agency for International Development and other governmental agencies that are

providing development and stability capabilities to this effort," said Supnick. "To learn and scope what this task is in front of them and help them formulate how they want to go about approaching their deployment and really prepare them through some direct training, example and lessons learned from contemporaries how to get their team ready."

The seminar provides a conduit of information to enable a continuity of effort within the ADT mission. Without the ADT seminar, new ADTs would be starting from square one, Kadavy said.

"The conferences have taken all the lessons learned from the previous teams. They bring in the new teams, they share ideas; we're always trying to improve," Kadavy said. "It's the passing on of work that's been done. We're not starting over every time we go in."

The ADTs' impact in the war in Afghanistan doesn't manifest as territory held or number of insurgents dead, but in improving the quality in life for the rural Afghan farmer, Leppert said.

"It's a mission I never would have dreamed evolved to this," he said. "Now, we have well over 100 people in the room trying to focus their efforts making things better for these teams. It's come a long way since we decided how to do this on a napkin in a chow hall in Afghanistan."

"This is a non-standard organization. Providing common and specific training to the task at hand is a good undertaking, and 1st Army does a good job at it," Supnick added. "They have the right facilities and the right people assigned."

The demand for these atypical teams has increased as a result of their successes, Kadavy said.

"At every level, the importance of the ADT is understood and the benefits and progress has been seen," he said. "The demand is growing higher as the success of the ADT grows and is known throughout the country. Every province in Afghanistan now wants an ADT to help jump-start its agriculture."





IRDO program absorbs civilian training, grows at Atterbury

BY STAFF SGT. MATT SCOTTEN CRIER STAFF WRITER

s the influx of Soldiers deploying through Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center slows, the operational tempo of the base does not. Instead, Atterbury redirects its historical ability to train deploying Soldiers toward training a different and ever-growing part of the contemporary operating environment: civilians.

Two years ago, Camp Atterbury started training and preparing civilian contractors to serve abroad in support of America's interests in forward operating areas such as Iraq and Afghanistan through the Individual Replacement Deployment Operations. It started as a relatively small program, training approximately 30 people per month. However, the post recently absorbed the lion's share of the civilian training mission, and now the small Indiana National Guard post trains more than 600 civilians per month.

According to 1st Sgt. Michael Mullins, noncommissioned officer in charge of Camp Atterbury's Individual Replacement Deployment Operations, the elevation in Atterbury's civilian training mission was called for via an executive order from Headquarters, Department of the Army when it was decided, due to the upsurge of DoD civilians, that all contractor training was to be set up as a separate mission at Atterbury, leaving both groups more manageable in size for training purposes.

The training assets available between Atterbury and nearby Muscatatuck Urban Training Complex lend themselves for civilians to work side-by-side with Soldiers in theaters of operations since both have had similar training.

"We offer the civilians survivability training, military orientation and ensure that they are physically fit to serve in the



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Shawn Plagemann, a Port Washington, Wis. native and intelligence analyst with Lockheed Martin, completes his out-processing from deployment training at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center Sept. 30. Camp Atterbury trains more than 600 civilians in basic survivability skills every month before deploying them to theaters around the world in support of the War on Terror.

austere conditions they may encounter overseas," Mullins said.

Heather Derminio, a Kellogg, Minn. native and hazardous materials specialist for Aecom Technology Corporation, is deploying as a contractor through Camp Atterbury. This is her first time through Atterbury, but not her first time deploying.

"I've deployed five times now, and I really like what they are doing here at Atterbury," she said. "At other facilities I have been to, the civilians were pretty much separated from everyone else, and here we are better integrated with Soldiers and military culture. That is especially

helpful for people coming through who haven't deployed before."

Bryan Kriehn, a Chippewa Falls, Wis. native and customer support engineer for Boeing Corporation, said he was very impressed with the focus on documentation he has seen at Atterbury.

"I was really happy to see them putting

our records in the Medical Protection System," Kriehn said. "This helps make sure records aren't lost and can be easily updated without having to repeat vaccinations unnecessarily."

Hoosier hospitality also made an impression on the two.

"Everyone here has been so nice," Derminio said.

"Even the leadership came in to see us on our very first day here and tell us how much they appreciated what we were doing," Kriehn said. "It makes us feel respected for our service. I've deployed several times and I have never seen that before."

Increased civilian deployments through Atterbury also possibly make an impression in the local economy. Although there are facilities available on the post, civilians sometimes pay for off-post hotel rooms and meals as a final comfort before deploying, putting money into the economy of Atterbury's surrounding communities.

As civilian deployments continue to be an increasingly prominent part of the contemporary operating environment, Camp Atterbury continues to pull from decades of experience in deployment training that dates all the way back to World War II. The post does this by continuously adapting and constantly seeking out new ways for the Hoosier State to contribute to the security of the country.







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bicycle is usually the first taste of freedom that an American child will receive. It grants the power to travel farther afield, to push the boundaries, to be self-reliant for transportation, to go as far as his little legs and parental consent will carry him.

But the role of the bicycle for adults gets relegated to that of exercise, recreation or to collect dust, in a garage or figuratively in the memories of youth.

There is a bicycle renaissance occurring. More bike trails and lanes are cropping up in American cities. The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles has recently begun issuing "Share the Road" license plates for automobiles. Indianapolis streets have been repainted to allocate dedicated lanes to cyclists and the city buses all have bike racks for people commuting on bicycles.

For many Soldiers at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, the bicycle fills multiple roles: transportation, exercise and social.

Maj. James Garlits, Individual Readiness Deployment Operation program director, developed an interest in bike riding while living in Kokomo when the Nickel Plate Trail was created.

"When I came to Atterbury last year, I moved into Shelbyville and there were no trails or any kind of bike presence. But there are a lot people that bike. I started real small with a project trying to get a trail open on an abandoned rail line and a park connector trail around the city. I just started riding more and more," he said.

Garlits recently tested his endurance in this year's Hilly 100, an annual two-day bike ride in southern Indiana centered in the town of Ellettsville.

"I rode a lot on county roads in and around Shelbyville. I drill out of Kokomo, so I'll throw the bike in the car and ride up there. Last drill, I rode the Nickel Plate Trail, the portion they just opened from Peru to Rochester and back, which is 54 miles and it didn't take too much out of me," he said.

Garlits conceded that the Hilly 100 was more challenging due to



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Maj. Joseph Waskow, of Ellettsville, officer in charge of the Joint Operations Center at Camp Atterbury Joint Maneuver Training Center, rides his road bike at Camp Atterbury in preparation for the Hilly 100, which took place Oct. 15-16 in southern Indiana. Waskow is an avid cyclist and developed an interest in cycling following injuries sustained in Iraq.

changes in elevation.

"Rail trails are usually on 1 or 2 percent grade at maximum, so I'm mostly a flatlander. The Hilly 100 definitely lives up to its name. There's some pretty steep inclines, some of those being 20 percent. It was also very windy. They should have called it the 'Windy 100.'"

The other part of the equation for Garlits' preparation was simply being a Soldier at Atterbury.

"Staying in shape, especially as you become an older dude like myself, enough that if someone comes and says you need to take (an Army Physical Fitness Test), staying in enough shape to pass is enough to do some bicycling. Being on a bike is pretty low impact on the bones," he said.

Maj. Joseph Waskow, officer in charge at the Camp Atterbury Joint Operations Center, completed his seventh Hilly 100.

While the goal of riding is to have fun, safety should be a top priority, Waskow said.

"Your bike should be in good condition. You should also have

spare innertubes for your bike and a pump, as well as tools for minor repairs."

Once the riding bug catches, it stays with you, according to Garlits.

"I'm having a blast. I think most people my age have good memories of riding as kids.

Growing up, most kids had a bike under them. But as you get older, you want to get a car. When I got back on a bike, it was like being a kid again. You realize that you have increased energy during the day when you do it consistently."

For those wishing to get back into riding whether for exercise or to embrace their inner child, Garlits' advice is simple: get a bike, any bike.

"Work with what you have. It's so easy to make excuses, especially with the expense of bikes. Just pull a 10-speed out of the garage or go a garage sale. Get some good tires and make sure everything works. Take it to a local bike shop and let them give it a once over," he said. "Just start doing it and work your way up from there. That's what I did."

Waskow added that bike riding is something that can become a lifelong endeavor.

"It's also good fitness. I saw an older guy get off his bike at last year's event. He was stretching his legs and he told me that he had just had knee replacement surgery earlier," he said. "That's going to be me when I'm older."

The social aspect of cycling can include strangers with a common interest and families, as well.

"It becomes a family activity so, in my case, it's not just dad doing these events. No matter how mad my daughter can get at me, I can just ask her if she wants to go on a ride and it brings us back together," Waskow said.

Groups such as the Central Indiana Bicycling Association, sponsor rides and raise awareness of bicycling, Garlits said.

Opportunities for riding are closer than one realizes. Soldiers at Camp Atterbury can sign out bikes from the Morale Welfare and Recreation office, said Staff Sgt. Kevin Lehman, of Indianapolis, noncommissioned officer with the installation MWR office

"We have 85 bikes with 75 of those being signed out at any given time with a few held back for maintenance," Lehman said. "During winter, that drops to practically zero, except for some brave guys."

The bikes are there for the use of all Soldiers on Camp Atterbury. They can be signed out for four days through a temporary hand receipt, which tracks the bikes.

They see riders of all experience levels signing for bikes, Lehman said.

"We get some Soldiers that haven't been on a bike since the training wheels came off," he said. "The important thing is safety. Stay visible and don't fly on the sidewalk onto the road. Be a defensive cyclist."

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